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CRAB ORCHARD.

—A Christmas tree at the Christian church Christmas night.

—This protracted spell of warm weather is damaging much new meat in this locality.

—Bill Tucker, colored, has been allowed a pension by the magnanimous braves at Washington.

—Wednesday next, at high noon, a Knoxville gentleman will lead to the altar one of our prettiest young ladies. Particulars later.

—Mr. A. H. Bastin has moved into his newly renovated home near the depot and Mrs. Hunter returns to her old home vacated by Mr. Bastin.

—George McQuerry, of Garrard, and Miss Sarah Green, were married Wednesday at the bride's home near Preachersville.

—From what I can learn W. H. Miller seems to be the man upon which many eyes hereabouts are turned for member of the constitutional convention. "There are others splendidly equipped for the position," says one, "but I consider Mr. Miller as good as any." He has many friends here as well as in other parts of the county where your correspondent has lately been, and these sentiments will, we believe, meet with hearty approbation.

—Prof. Parr, the starched colored teacher, who came here from Danville to wield the ferule over the dark-skinned urchins of this vicinity, didn't like the social atmosphere here much. A few weeks ago he went on a visit to his Boyle county home, leaving his school to teach itself and no longer up to the present has been heard of him. We advise our colored "brudders" to consult the commissioner about the matter if they want to put their school on foot again.

—Judge Morton, the Lexington judge set aside the verdict of a jury in a murder case because one of the jurors is alleged to have taken several drinks before going into the jury-room, is not made of the same stuff as a magistrate in this bailiwick, who tried a fellow a short time ago without qualifying the jury and upon the defendant claiming that four of the jurors had publicly expressed their opinion beforehand, refused to set aside the verdict or grant a new trial. Verily doth the Goddess of Justice need reform in her business.

—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rhineheart are at Mrs. Fish's. Messrs. Perry King and Perry White have emigrated to that mountain Eldorado, Middlesboro. Ebb Higgins, the hardware clerk of a Louisville establishment, is here to spend the holiday with the old folks. J. H. Hilton has returned from a week's stay in Rockcastle. Miss Kate Cochran, a little Madison beauty, is visiting at O. P. Newland's. Judge Stephen Burch, of Stanford, was here this week to see his old friends, Col. John Buchanan and J. B. Glickerson. Miss Lizzie Pettus, who has been attending school at Pleasureville, is home to spend Christmas. J. H. Carson and Thomas Warren, of the L. & N., are here to take their Christmas with the boys. We acknowledge two pressing invitations to pass the holiday with friends in Barbourville and will likely take advantage of the low rates this once.

—There's a pretty little romance connected with the couple that Judge Var-non made one Tuesday, which is too good to be lost. Two weeks ago Miss Amanda Hutchison, a charming lady who once resided here, came down from Pineville, ostensibly to visit friends. Shortly after her arrival that gallant and courtly politician, Col. J. P. Chandler, happened in town and meeting with the sweetheart of his youth, for whom he had cherished a fancy ever since he was a barefooted plowboy, a dozen years ago, lost his susceptible heart and laid siege to the fair Amanda's affections with all the ardency of his bacheloric nature. As he often said he could say more sweet things to a woman than any other man living except Charlie Kincaid, he anticipated nothing else but a happy consummation of events. The love-en-thralled Colonel went out to his farm to look after his stock and other belongings, wondering if there were ever a man as fortunate as he. What his dreams were out there none but angels could imagine. As was his wont he came to town Monday afternoon to see his fair amoria; but alas! and alas! As old Homer sung 3,000 years ago: "There's many a slip twix the cup and the lip." In the night, the silent night, a rival from far away Pineville had arrived on the wings of love and flown away with the colonel's would-have-been bride to a Gretna Green. The fortunate groom, who was Mr. Jeff Steinberger, brought his bride here Tuesday where congratulations were extended them at Mr. J. F. Edmiston's.

—Another outbreak is reported from Bell county. It is said that Jas. Broch, a deputy sheriff, was instantly killed by Simeon Saylor, who brought down his man with a Winchester, but not until Saylor had received a blow on the head that may prove fatal. The affair was the culmination of a difficulty of long standing.

McKINNEY.

—Walter Huston is rejoicing over the advent of another daughter at his house on the 13th.

—Crow & Co. have put an awning to the front of their store, which adds to the looks and conveniences.

—Miss Alice Stockton, of Illinois, gave an interesting lecture on phrenology at the school building Monday night.

—J. K. Huston shipped to L. G. Gooch at Waynesburg 30 barrels of corn at \$1.75 on the car here. J. K. Helm has recently shipped several cars of hay from this place.

—George Thompson, an aged citizen of Cass county, Mo., who has been living in the West 23 years, was the guest of his nephew, F. M. Ware, last week. Mrs. J. F. Gover closed her school at Turnersville the 13th inst. Woodford Curd, of Burgin, was here last week buying flat rails. Joe Melvin, of Crab Orchard, has been with us several days. V. M. Tanner was in Cincinnati the first of the week. J. P. Crow was in the city the first of this week purchasing additional stock to his present supply of holiday goods.

—HUBBLE.—Sam Engleman has sworn out an attachment and is making an effort to have his farm attached to Middleboro. Billy Moore has rented the Dr. Owsley farm from the man who first rented it this fall and will move to it in the spring, we suppose. He is now a resident of Boyle county. Charley Adams, Jr., and Bowling, of Lincoln, have rented the Bessie Engleman farm for \$900. There are about 140 acres. Etherton & Bro. have bought Austin's interest in the shingle mill here and as soon as they saw out will move beyond Stanford a few miles. G. A. S. and C. R. H. are the first ones to date who have called and settled their accounts. So friends, follow suit, as it takes money to make the mare go for 1890. The road law is lame in the respect that it does not provide for roads to be placed on earth that there can be made a good road on. Some of the roads in the county, to wit: the one leading from Col. Underwood's to Garman's, and others, are in such branches, and on such hills as would take \$400 to the road to keep it in fix to drive a cow over for one year. It is nonsense to spend time and money to work a road in any such place. Place the roads on good earth and the expense of keeping in shape for travel will be nothing compared to forcing them in branches and through ponds. If the roads are not on good lands to run them over, don't spend money on them in places where to-day you can travel and to-morrow you can't go.

—(FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.)
Mr. James I. Wilmot suffered quite a serious accident by the kick of a horse last Monday. At first it was thought his back was broken, but upon an examination by Dr. Traylor it was found that the wound was only muscular. The death of Mrs. John Pope, who resided near here created quite a shock among her many friends here and the surviving friends have the sympathy of the entire community. James I. Engleman, who has been suffering for several days with acute rheumatism, has recovered sufficiently to be around in his room again. Mrs. McCauley, who has been on the sick list for some time, has been improving slowly for the past 10 days. Mr. Dave Spoonamore bought of Uncle Sammy Baughman 85 acres of land on Hanging Fork at \$45 per acre, cash sale. The surmise is that a new house will be erected soon and they two will be made one. Mr. Tom House sold to John Wood 11 hogs at 3 cents, weight 150 pounds each. The Christmas holidays are looked forward to with a good deal of interest, as there is an expected event or two to transpire that will involve some of our most honored and respected young gentlemen. But we cheerfully submit as the finer feelings of a more ennobling creature is to be enthroned upon the pinnacle of the great domain of human existence.

Referring to the first communion administered to Mr. Davis while in prison at Fortress Monroe, Dr. Minnegerode, in his memorial sermon at Richmond, Va., said: "I found Mr. Davis with his mind made up. Knowing the honesty of the man, and that there would be, could be, no shamming, nor mere superstitious belief on the ordinance, I was delighted when I found him ready to commune. He had laid the burden upon his very natural feeling and was ready to pray: 'Father forgive them.' Then came the communion—he and I alone, but with God. It was one of those cases where the rubric cannot be binding. It was night. The Fortress was so still that you could hear a pin fall—Gen. Miles with his back to us, leaning against the fireplace in the ante-room, his head in his hands, not moving. The sentinels were ordered to stand still, and they stood like statues. I cannot conceive of a more solemn communion scene. But it was telling upon upon both of us—I trust for lasting good."

—The Louisville tax rate has been fixed at \$1.98.

FARM AND TRADE ITEMS.

—Al. Beazley sold to Hunn & Burns a sorrel mare for \$125.

—James Wells sold to L. D. Garner a work mule for \$135.

—W. B. Hill sold to Vanarsdale, of Mercer, 30 cotton mules at \$90.

—S. M. Owens sold to Tate & Catron, at Somerset, 3 car-loads of hay at 60 cts.

—A. T. Nunnally bought in the East End a lot of 2 and 3-year-old cattle at 2 cents.

—John Bailey sold to Terhune, of Mercer, a pair of aged mare mules for \$400.

—C. T. Sandidge sold to a Glasgow party a combined 3-year-old mare for \$300.

—Joseph Coffey bought of W. F. Ramsey 6 head of butcher cattle at 2½ cents, and of John Underwood 5 heifers at 2 cents.

—B. F. Robinson bought of Silas Anderson 16 head of fat cattle at 3 cents and of John Pepples 6 of same kind at same price.

—It is thought that Riley will be the favorite for the Kentucky Derby when the books are opened for betting Jan. 1. Prince Fonzo will very likely sell for 2d place.

—Cattle are fairly active in Cincinnati, with prices all the way from 1 to 5 cents, the latter for extra Christmas heaves; hogs are in demand at 3 to 3.60; sheep strong at 2½ to 5½.

—H. N. Ware writes that he made 14 barrels of corn to the acre on the 25 acres that he had in this year on his new Washington county farm and has sown of the same land in wheat.

—A promising Gambetta Wilkes filly belonging to S. M. Owens died Tuesday of milk leg. She was a full sister to the one he sold William Rue some time since for \$500 and was thought by some to be even a better one.

—A great many people in Atlanta are eating vegetables raised in their own gardens; the trees are budding and the flowers blooming. The effect of the mild weather is spring like and December is wearing the garments of May.

—California will make 8,000,000 gals. less of wine this year than last. This is because so large a portion of the grapes went not to the juice, but to raisins. The wily vineyarders found they could squeeze more money out of dried grapes than by squeezing wine out of the fresh ones.

—Richard Cobb has bought in Washington county 42 head of 1,100-pound cattle at \$3.15. J. W. Allen, of Lincoln, sold to Smith & Woods 100 head of 1,200-pound feeders at 3½ cts. Wyatt Hughes sold to Bonta and Robinson 104 barrels of corn in the field at \$1.50. J. T. Hugueley has bought of different parties in this and Mercer counties 65 head of 1,200-lb. feeders at 3 cts.—Advocate.

A diamond expert has made public the following method of identifying a real diamond: Prick a needle hole through a card and look at it through the doubtful stone. If it is spurious two holes will be seen distinctly on the card, if it is a diamond only one hole will be visible, for there is no other stone at all resembling the diamond but that gives a double reflection. This property is also made use of for determining an uncertain stone. If the finger is placed behind it and looked at through the stone with a magnifier, the grain of the skin will be plainly visible if the stone is not diamond, but otherwise it will not be distinguished at all. A diamond in a solid setting may be distinguished in the same way; if genuine, the setting at the back cannot be distinguished, but if a false stone, either the foil or the setting may be plainly seen.

Of the McGibeny Family now playing in Louisville and which will be with us Thursday night, 26th, the Courier-Journal says: They have been traveling through the United States for 15 years or more and during that time have not only become a favorite attraction with music-loving people, but have steadily improved, until, at this time, they have reached such a high degree of excellence in their line that they may be said to compose one of the best concert organizations in the country. There is a brass band, an orchestra, a drum corps, a kindergarten, a corps of turnverein cadets, a ladies' quartet, and other features, all combined in a programme of merit and constituting a most agreeable entertainment. The family has among its members two accomplished daughters-in-law and they are quite as fine musicians as their husbands' people.

—The Bank of Gallatin, Tenn., has failed for about \$60,000.

—The sun will suffer from a total eclipse next Sunday, but it will be invisible in the United States, save on Capes Sable and Hatteras, where only a small obscuration can be noted at sunrise. The line of totality just grazes the northern edge of South America, sweeps across the Atlantic just north of St. Helena and then traverses Southern Africa, ending in the Indian Ocean. Our government expedition of observation has its station at Quicambo, on the Atlantic coast of Africa, and every one wishes it a cloudless sky and a fair sight.

LANCASTER, GARRARD COUNTY.

—Moses Gibson, a young man living at Paint Lick, died of measles Monday.

—The young people are having so many entertainments that they cannot arrange the dates so as not to conflict.

—The juveniles will banquet at the hotel and trip the light fantastic at "Miller's Hall."

—Mrs. Lawrence, wife of William Lawrence, residing near White Oak school-house, died on Monday morning, leaving two small children.

—George Washington Fluke's Tillets show did not materialize. "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

—The appearance of the "Daisy" front shows up immense. It makes one feel as if they were on Fourth street in Cincinnati.

—We were pleased to meet the smiling face of Mrs. E. H. Burnside on our streets yesterday. Also Mrs. E. P. Owsley and little daughter.

—Mr. Eastland, attorney for the English syndicate, was here this week getting deeds from our Middlesboro land holders for the right of way for the Belt railroad.

—Maj. James A. Burnside, of the Mammoth Tobacco Warehouse, Louisville, is at home. R. C. Stockton, president of the Nashville manufactory of Radam's Microbe Killer, was here this week. Mr. Wm. Ferguson has returned home to spend Christmas. Robert Hamilton has decided to return to his former haunts and will shortly move into the tollgate on the Danville pike. Mrs. Waller Chennault, of Kansas, is visiting her father's family, Mr. Morgan Hudson, and other relatives here.

HUSTONVILLE.

—All persons indebted to the firm of Weatherford & Cook, of Hustonville, will please call and settle their accounts before or by the 1st of January.

—FOR SALE.—A general line of groceries, queensware, hardware and notions in the town of Hustonville. Only store of the kind in town. Storehouse for rent. Reason for selling want to engage in other business. J. W. Wash.

Judge Thurman wrote to the Bandana Club of Leavenworth, Kansas, upon the occasion of its celebrating his 76th birthday: "It is now over 60 years since I made my first democratic speech and ever since then I have without faltering given the best support of which I was capable to our noble cause. I thought it was a good cause when I first spoke, I think so yet when the shadows of life are darkening around me, and I shall no doubt think so when I am called to my final account. Allow me to congratulate you on your brightening prospects, and to remind you that the democratic party is the natural party of free institutions, and that as long as liberty shall exist in America it cannot die."

A Southern Hero.

BY MRS. ROSALIND NESBITT.
No sound of war is heard
In the home of the mocking bird,
On high the pleasing notes
Swell from the warblers' throats,
No bullets fly through air,
But wailing everywhere,
For Jefferson Davis weep
A hero sleeps his last sleep.

Kentucky proudly claims
His birthplace; among names
Of her illustrious ones,
This of her noblest sons
Shall be forever known,
A king without a throne.

The North called him her foe,
But as years come and go,
And the bitterness dies out,
She too, without a doubt,
Will give to him his place,
The patriot of Southern race.

He fought with patriot's fire
On field, in forum, dive
The missiles cast when State
Required his service, great
His love for Southern land
And its homes, so nobly grand.

Peerless, alone, the last
Of a generation past,
His compeers, friend and foe
Had left him long ago,
Like a stately oak he stood,
The last monarch of the wood.

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LOUISVILLE, KY.

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W. P. WALTON.

DOUBLE NUMBER

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For County Judge, THOMAS W. VARNON;
County Attorney, JOSEPH B. PAXTON;
County Clerk, GEORGE B. COOPER;
Sheriff, J. N. MENEFEE;
Jailer, SAMUEL M. OWENS;
Assessor, E. D. KENNEDY;
Sup't of Common Schools, W. F. MCCLARY;
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W. F. MCCLARY, Agent.

1890.

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ILLUSTRATED.

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1890.

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1890.

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CAPITAL LETTER.

Preliminary Work in the Organization of the National Congress.

How the House is Organized—The Saturday Night Caucus—Election of House Officers—Their Salaries and Duties.

[Special Washington Letter.]

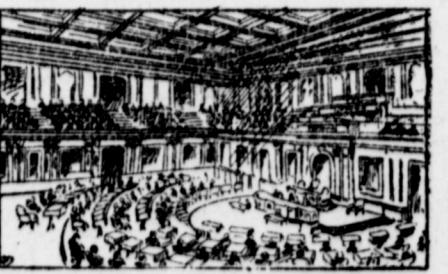
The constitution provides that "Congress shall assemble at least once in every year, and such meeting shall be on the first Monday in December, unless they shall by law appoint a different day." Unfortunately, the Congress has never, by law, appointed a different day for the annual meeting, but it should be done; and they should also change the date for the inauguration of our Presidents, in deference to the climate of the National capital.

The first Monday in December was this year the second day of the month; and, on the preceding Saturday night, November 30, the Republican members of the House assembled in caucus in the Hall of Representatives for the purpose of agreeing upon some one of their number for the Speakership. This is the custom of the party which obtains a majority at any one of the biennial elections, and every two years the Capitol is heated and lighted to receive the advance guard of the legislators. This year it happens that the Republican party holds a majority of the House for the first time since December, 1881. At that time Mr. Keifer, of Ohio, Mr. Kasson, of Iowa, and several other gentlemen contended for the Speakership, and the caucus victory was won by Mr. Keifer. The Democratic party has since that time held possession of the House and has continuously honored Mr. Carlisle, of Kentucky, with the Speakership. No matter whom the Republicans may elect to succeed him, their best man can not be the peer of John G. Carlisle as a presiding officer. This generation will not produce his peer. He is, *facile princeps*, the prince of parliamentarians, and his judgments in the chair have been as unprejudiced as they have been concise, clear and just. Mr. Carlisle will actively participate in the debates which are certain to enliven the coming session, for he is a natural forensic leader.

The Hall of Representatives on the night of the caucus is guarded by the watchmen and messengers who remain in office from their appointments under the last Congress. The doors of the House are closed, the galleries sealed so tight that not a sound can escape, and if the caucus is a long one the air in the Hall becomes almost unbearably vitiated, for there will be absolutely no ventilation. The reason for all this secrecy is that the Representatives make speeches, giving party reasons why this, that or the other candidate shall be chosen as the party leader. A great deal is said which would not look well in print, and very much of the speech-making is personal, with the bandying of epithets, when the debate grows warm. Two years ago in the Democratic caucus, when the candidates for Door-keeper were being discussed, one of the honorable gentlemen called another honorable gentleman "a liar," whereupon the last-mentioned honorable gentleman raised his honorable clenched fist and smote the velvety cheek of the other honorable gentleman, and there was commotion galore.

By the way, it is funny to see the statesmen making efforts to keep public matters secret from the correspondents. In a body of three hundred men there is always from one to twenty men who will confidentially tell some newspaper friend, or friends, all about it. Last winter, when a caucus was being held and all points carefully guarded, I remembered that there was a broken door in the gallery; and it took but a minute to have the watchman at the foot of the stairs decoyed to the restaurant for a minute, while I skipped upstairs, tip-toed to the broken door, and quietly sat there taking notes of all that was said and done by the entire caucus. Ike Hill discovered me, when I was nearly over; but the report was all written out in shorthand before he came upstairs, and his interruption did not prevent the publication of a full report next morning.

The Senate does not have to go through this parliamentary tangle every two years. Indeed, the officers of the Senate are seldom changed. Hon. George C. Gorham was Secretary of the Senate for about twelve years, and General McCook, who succeeded him, has been in the same position for six years. There is some talk of a proposed change in the office of Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate this year; but it will probably all end in talk. The Senate is a small body, comparatively, and always dignified and conservative. The Senate Chamber is not more than half as large as the Hall of Representatives, and is much handsomer. The floor is going to be somewhat crowded by the admission of eight new Senators from the States



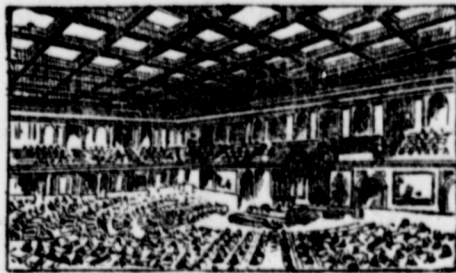
THE SENATE CHAMBER.

which have just been admitted to the Union by proclamation of the President.

But to return to the caucus. After speeches have been made, eloquently depicting the merits and claims of Messrs. Reed, McKinley, Henderson, Cannon and Burrows, tellers are appointed and the gentlemen will vote. There is generally no choice on the first or second ballots, and may be not on the third; but after that the votes commence to change about kaleidoscopically, and ultimately some one of the candidates is selected as the party candidate, and on the following Monday is elected Speaker. As soon as this matter is settled the gentlemen

bend their great energies to the task of selecting a Clerk, Doorkeeper and Sergeant-at-Arms. These are exceedingly responsible and valuable positions. The Clerk receives a salary of \$5,000 per annum, the same as Congressmen. He looks after the clerical force which is engaged in transcribing bills and resolutions, sending them to the Public Printer, filing them in the document-room, enrolling and engrossing passed bills and all that sort of thing.

The Sergeant-at-Arms is the paymaster of the House and his salary is \$6,000. The Doorkeeper receives only \$3,500 per annum and has all of the hardest work to do. He is the man who is most annoyed with the dispensation of patronage. He has the appointment of pages, watchmen, messengers and laborers; the result of which power is that he is harassed to death by the members who have voted for him, each one of whom demands several appointments for his constituents. In this position, as in the Executive departments, there never can be found enough places to go around. The messengers receive the best compensation among the subordinates, their



THE HOUSE.

salaries being from \$75 to \$100 per month. They are really assistant doorkeepers, for they guard the north, south, east, west and lobby entrances to the House, and carry cards in to the members, to let them know that some friends or constituents are on the outside awaiting their pleasure.

The little pages, however, hold the real securities. They get \$75 per month each, and their duties are light for boys. They answer calls of members, and carry notes for them back and forth throughout the Capitol, and occasionally deliver messages for them in the city, although the latter duty is especially the province of the messengers called "mounted pages," who are furnished with good horses to carry them from place to place in this "city of magnificent distances."

The holding of all these offices is settled, ultimately, by the caucus. Then the lucky statesman who becomes Speaker appoints the various committees of the House, and each chairman of committee so appointed has the power of appointment of a committee clerk, at salaries ranging from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per annum each. Thus, you see, there is much determined by the caucus in addition to the selection of the main officers, for they are merely preliminary to the work of the House. SMITH D. FRY.

MOKEVILLE CHRISTMAS HORROR.



Rev. Preserved Hambro—En now, chillun, you's all got yo' presents 'cept yo' pastor, en I'se glad for t'say dat Bro'r Hanks, who I run out'n de church fer de bes' good, hez sent me a gif' fer ter show he ain't got no hard feelin's.



Deacon Gash (from rear seat)—Bungle-bee's! fo' de Lawd! en dey's wahmed-up fer de carnidel!—Judge.

The giving of presents to friends is associated with the Christmas season. This is well. Tokens of affection bring joy to many a heart. We are so driven by pressing duties that we are apt to forget the "sweet amenities" of life. If it is in your power, make some one glad by a Christmas present. It is likely that there will be enough sad days before Christmas comes again.—United Presbyterian.

PATERFAMILIAS—"Ah, it does my heart good to see your Christmas trees. When I was a boy I used to go out in the woods and cut my own trees. What do you charge for trees?" Dealer (stiffly)—"We do not sell by the tree." "O! I remember. Height must be considered. Well, how much are they a foot?" "We do not sell by the foot, sir. We sell by the inch."—Philadelphia Record.

Depressing Quiet.

"Isn't it lonely here, George? Did you ever know any thing so still?"
"Oh, yes. Once."
"When was that?"
"I hired a plumber once to do a day's work for me, and he never moved from morning to night."—Harper's Bazar.

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Years ago a poor seamstress persuaded a boy to go to Sunday-school. The boy, Amos Sutton, was converted. He became a minister and a missionary to India. It was by his influence that the Baptist mission among the Telugus was begun, and now there are connected with this mission over 30,000 converts. That poor seamstress went to her reward without knowing of the wonderful things for God to which her simple faithfulness led. The great things in this world are, as a rule, not done by the worldly great and powerful. It was not a king on his throne, but a shoemaker on his bench, who began the great modern missionary movement. The Savior of mankind was born, not in a palace, but in a stable.—Western Recorder.

HURRAH FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—For the Christmas Holidays the Newport News & Mississippi Valley Co.—"Old Kentucky Route"—will sell round-trip tickets between all stations on its line and to Charlottesville, Richmond, Va., and points on C. & O. railway at the low round-trip rate of 1 1/2 fare. Tickets between local stations will be on sale Dec. 24, 25 and 31 and Jan. 1st, and will be good to return if used on or before Jan. 3, 1890. Tickets to points on C. & O. railway in Virginia will be on sale Dec. 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 and will be good to return until Jan. 3, 1890, inclusive. J. L. Murphy, Gen. Pass. Agt., Lexington. W. S. Harrison, T. P. A., Ashland, Ky. S. A. Bromberg, T. P. A., Lexington, Ky.

James T. Gott, Carmi, Ill., Says: He paid thirty-one dollars doctor's bill for his wife in one year and one bottle of Bradfield's Female Regulator did her more good than all the medicine she had taken before. H. Dale, druggist, Carmi, Ill. Write Bradfield Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga., for particulars. Sold by Druggist A. R. Penny, Stanford.

FROM CLAY TO CARLISLE.—Representatives from the State of Kentucky have occupied the Speaker's chair 12 times, beginning with Henry Clay, who was six terms there, and ending with John G. Carlisle, who was the last presiding officer of the House for three terms. In the meantime John White, from the same State, served one term, and Linn Boyd two terms, ending in 1855. Kentucky heads the list.—Washington Post.

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There is nothing parents should be so careful about as selecting a cough syrup. Begg's Cherry Cough Syrup costs no more than the cheap and inferior nostrums thrown on the market. The best none too good, be sure and get BEGG'S CHERRY COUGH SYRUP. We keep it on hand at all times. A. R. Penny, Druggist.

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Don't forget to buy O. K. Lard, the best made.

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We return to you our thanks and appreciation for the liberal patronage you have bestowed on us and kindly ask a continuance thereof the coming year. And to those who are behind in their accounts, we insist on a prompt settlement, as 'tis unpleasant to us to put our friends to extra costs making settlements.

Very Respectfully, HIGGINS & MCKINNEY.

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ALLIN, FAIR & CO., McKinney.



HON. HENRY WATTERSON, THE GREAT KENTUCKY EDITOR AND STATESMAN.

Origin of Names.

The study of names is one of common interest—common from the fact that all persons have them. Few, I presume, are so void of curiosity as not to be desirous of knowing the meaning of their appellations. Of course in various instances names have undergone so many changes that it is impossible to get at their import; in others the meaning is clear. Some point directly to the business or occupation of the primitive possessor; some to certain personal traits.

When the burly Georges of to-day are hurrying hither and thither in their various pursuits, seeking the "almighty dollar," how many, I wonder, stop and reflect that the first George was no mere idler, but was a good farmer, as is shown by the Greek from *Georgikos*, compounded from *ge*, earth, *ergon*, work and the suffix *ikos*, implying ability?

From *alexo*, I aid, *aner*, man, comes the potent Alexander. This meritorious title was given to the Trojan Paris because when a youth, being reared among the shepherds of Mount Ida, he aided them by displaying his princely courage in defending their flocks against robbers and wild beasts.

In Philip, from *Philippos*, composed of *philos*, fond, and *hippos*, horse, we have one who is fond of, or loves, the horse, or, simpler, a lover of horses.

Plato was so called because he had a broad forehead, from *platys*, broad. Plato was only a nickname given him by his witty fellow countrymen, his real name being Aristocles, from *aristos*, best, often in the sense of best or noble in blood, and *cleos*, glory, may have been applied to the philosopher in his youth to indicate that he was sprung from royal, or *aristo*-cratic blood, since, through his father he was descended from Codrus, the last hero king from Attica, and through his mother from the great law-giver, Solon.

The noble Christian father, who gave us the name Bible, and who suffered many privations in his old age on account of his unswerving faith, and from whose lips, to use a Homeric epithet, "flowed words sweeter than honey," by his eloquence gained the name Chrysostom, gold mouth, from *chryso*, gold, and *stoma*, mouth.

The greatest of Roman authors bore the name Cicero simply because one of his ancestors happened to have a mole on his face which slightly resembled a chickpea, *cicer*.

Whether or not the author of *Germania* and *Agricola*, and of the ponderous *Annals*, was really tacit he surely was Tacitus.

Albion, according to some authorities, would be derived from the Latin word, *albus*, white, and hence would be apposite to the numerous chalk cliffs of the wonderful isle, but following others of keener appreciation for the Celtic language it comes from the Celtic root *alb*, signifying hill. So by the latter process, Albion means hilly country.

Even fair France, which had been the scene of such vile despotism, and where at one time liberty seemed locked within the Bastille, received her name from that tribe whose people boasted that they were the freest of the Germans and from their freedom called themselves Franks, or freemen. Hence France from *Francia* means frank or free.—S. N. Smith, University of Tennessee, in *Southwestern Journal of Education*.

A SEASONABLE WARNING.—My win some, pretty Clara, And you enchanting Sara, Amanda and my winning, lovely Sue, And you, my dashing Hattie, My charming, laughing Mattie, Jennie and my pouting little Prue; And you, my jealous Annie, Bewitching, romping Fannie, And you, my black-eyed teasing Elfin Fay, And you, my rose-cheeked Maggie, My soul-inspiring Aggie, My cherub lipped and queenly handsome May, I would simply give you notice, The thing on which I dote is A pair of slippers easy on my feet. As your Christmas Day surprises, Last year were of all sizes, don't send me any slippers, I entreat.

Bishop Galleher's Address at the Funeral of Jefferson Davis.

When we utter our prayers to-day for those who are distressed in mind, when we lift our petitions to the most merciful and ask a benediction on the desolate, we remember that one household above others is bitterly bereaved and that hearts closely knitted to our own are deeply distressed. For the master of Beauvoir lies dead under the drooping flag of the saddened city, the light of his dwelling has gone out and left it lonely for all days to come. Surely we grieve with those who weep tender tears of pain and trouble and there is not a sigh of the Gulf breeze that sways the swinging moss on the cypress trees sheltering their home, but finds an answer on our own burdened breathing.

We recall with sweet sympathy the wifely woe that can be measured only by the sacred depths of wifely devotion; and our hearts go traveling across the heaving Atlantic seas to meet and comfort, if we might, the child who, coming home, shall for once not be able to bring all the sweet splendors of the sunshine with her.

Let us bend with the stricken household and pay the tribute of our tears, and then, acknowledging the stress and surge of a people's sorrow, say that the stately tree of our Southern wood, planted in power, nourished in kindly dews, branching in brave luxuriance and scarred by many storms, lies uprooted. The end of a long and lofty life has come, and a moving volume of human history, has been closed and clasped. "The strange and sudden dignity of death" has been added to the fine and resolute dignity of the living.

A man who in his person and history symbolized the solemn convictions and tragic fortunes of millions of men cannot pass into the gloom that gathers around a grave without a sign or token from the surcharged bosoms of those he leaves behind; and when Jefferson Davis, reaching "the very sear of his utmost sail," goes to his God, not even the most ignoble can chide the majestic mourning, the sorrowing honors of a last "salute."

I am not here to stir, by a breath, the embers of a settled strife; to speak one word unworthy of him and of the hour. What is writ is writ in the world's memory and in the books of God. But I am here to say that this man as a christian and a churchman, was a lover of all high and righteous things; as a citizen, was fashioned in the old, faithful type; as a soldier, was marked and fitted for more than fame—the Lord God having set on him the seal of the liberties of men.

Gracious and gentle, even to the lowliest, nay, especially to them; tender as he was brave, he deserved to win all the love that followed him. Fearless and unselfish, he could not well escape the life-long conflict to which he was committed. Greatly and strangely misconceived, he bore injustice with the calmness befitting his place. He suffered many and grievous wrongs, suffered most for the sake of others and those others will remember him and his unflinching fidelity with deepening gratitude, while the Potomac seeks the Chesapeake or the Mississippi sweeps by Briarfield, on its way to the Mexican sea.

When on the December night the worn warrior joined the ranks of the patient and prevailing ones who

"Loved their land with love far brought,
If one of the mighty dead gave the challenge,
'Art thou of us?'"

He answered, "I am here."

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Bear in mind you are cordially invited to drop in and post up as to values, if you don't need a cent's worth of goods. Get valuable information so you will know where to come when you do need goods. Our mission is to help educate the people as to values.

With hearty Christmas greetings to our thousands of friends and customers, we extend a most cordial invitation to all to visit

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DOUBLE NUMBER.

It is rarely necessary to say that a man condemned to be hung will suffer the penalty if Gov. Buckner does not interfere. After a jury has convicted and the Court of Appeals has searched the details of trial and evidence with microscopic care to find some technical error, the noble old soldier does not feel warranted in setting their verdicts aside and he does not do so, except for good and sufficient cause. Pat Hunt, the murderer of James Abner at Paris did not present such a cause and the sentence of the court was inflicted on him Wednesday. He died with the bravado of a brute, even joking about the matter. "I am going to take a trip," said he, "if I go to hell I'll have a good fire for you when you come." It is refreshing to know that one murderer failed to be rewarded for his crime in Heaven. Hunt made no confession, but there is no doubt that he killed Abner, though the evidence was circumstantial. His wife, who is serving a term of three years at Frankfort for killing Rick Thomas, now asserts that Hunt did the killing and forced her to confess that she did it under threat of instant death. A very bad man has come to a deserved end and demonstrated that hanging is not entirely played out in Kentucky as is some times asserted. The hanging was from a scaffold on which three others had met their deaths, and was quite artistically performed.

The Cronin trial at Chicago, after occupying the court for three months, ended Monday afternoon in a compromise verdict. Burke, Coughlin and O'Sullivan, the ice-man, are sent to the penitentiary for life; Kunze gets three years' imprisonment, and Beggs goes free. In order to refresh the minds of our readers who may have forgotten what it was all about, we will state that Dr. Cronin was foully murdered in May last by these men, after he had been tried and convicted by a secret order known as the Klan. His body was found several weeks after his disappearance, in a sewer, horribly mutilated. The verdict is not received with approbation by the people of Chicago, most of whom were of the opinion, which generally prevails, that the whole ship's crew connected with the awful murder ought to suffer death.

The Louisville Times, which began by being good and has continued to improve ever since, is now and will hereafter be issued as a six page paper, enlargable at the shortest notice to cover any demands up to 16 pages. A new \$44,000 press has been placed in the basement of the Courier-Journal and the Times is now printed on it. It has a guaranteed running capacity of 24,000 copies per hour of a paper perfectly printed, pasted and folded for 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 or 12 pages, and 12,000 an hour of 16, 20 or 24 pages. The Times' motto is progress and its determination to head the procession never fails of accomplishment. Now is the time to subscribe.

Those who look long on the wine when it is red furnish almost daily ready made arguments for the temperance advocate and demonstrate that the safest and best plan is to look not at all upon the accused stuff, which steals men's brains and makes miserable wrecks of their bodies. At Owensboro this week R. W. McFarland, once a fine lawyer and a member of the legislature, fell down a stairway while in an intoxicated condition and in search of another drink, and broke his neck. The demon has landed many a soul in hell and will continue to do so as long as men are too weak to control their appetites.

Judge Lilly, of the Irvine district, should either shoot or give up the gun. He refuses, because he is afraid, to hold courts in Knox, Perry or Breathitt, but continues to draw the salary he does not earn. The Judge is not worthy of his position. His backbone is too flimsy and he ought to make way for another republican who would do his duty, if such a man could be found. If not there are plenty of democrats ready to demonstrate that Judge Lilly's cowardice is all that is in the way of his hold-courts at the appointed time.

It is now settled that Senator Black burn will have no opposition to his reelection. The Senatorial contest being out of the way and there being no need of more laws than we have, the legislature ought to get through its business in a month. But it won't, the more's the pity. The \$5 a day statesman will not let loose till he feels that it would be a shame for him to remain longer and draw the pay he does not earn.

If the Senate approves the extradition treaty with England negotiated by Secretary Blaine and Sir Julian Paucot, which largely increases the list of extraditable offenses, our financiers will cease to find a haven in Canada. Embezzlement is included in the list; in fact nearly everything is, making a man no safer there than here for his crimes.

The temperance people are kicking like mules against the confirmation of the nomination of Judge Brewer, of Kansas, to be Supreme Judge. It will be remembered that he is the man who decided that a State could not close up a man's business, whether it be brewery, distillery or what not, unless it paid him for the plant and the value of his business as well. This decision was reversed by the Supreme Court of the United States, which held that it was within the police power of the State to close up the breweries without compensating the owners, the decision being based on the principles set forth in the decision of the celebrated New Orleans slaughter-house cases. In addition to the temperance protest, the democrats are urging objections to the appointment because his action in the Wabash receivership cases and others justify the suspicion that he is a friend to monopolies and dishonest corporations. All the same, the judge will be confirmed. This music is more for the outside ear than for the Senatorial auricular.

The Times man at Washington says that Congressman Wilson is sure that Gen. Landram will not be appointed Pension Agent. Judge Boreing, he thinks, will get it, while Finley is as sure that Dr. Walton will be the successful man. One reason given that Gen. Landram will be disappointed is that Col. Bradley wrote the president that if he would appoint Col. Collier surveyor he would not ask any more favors, but this is doubtless a weak invention of the enemy.

The Winchester Democrat and Sun are having a monkey and parrot time. In the former Editor Beckner advocates his claims to be a member of the State constitutional convention and goes for his opponent, Hon. Rodney Haggard, without gloves. On the other hand the Sun champions the cause of the latter and makes life burdensome to the wily judge. It is a very interesting fight, with no indications yet as to who will be the victor.

The Little Red Hog is a great politician. He seems to try to keep in with all the candidates by endorsing as many as may apply for the same office. The Louisville Times' Washington dispatch says: "Ex-Candidate-for-Congress Ewell indorses Mr. Van Pelt for the Danville post-office, and recently he has indorsed Mr. Batterson. That ought to neutralize his influence."

The Shelby county democrats are a little previous. They have already nominated Col. J. C. Beckham for member of the constitutional convention, which has not nor may never be called. But it doesn't hurt and it saved trouble and expense to settle the matter at the same primary the county officers were nominated.

According to custom Chairman Alford has called a caucus of the democratic members of the legislature to meet at Frankfort, Dec. 28, at 3 p. m., to take such action as may be deemed best for the party and people.

NEWS CONDENSED.

—James G. Carter, an old and well-known Louisville merchant, is dead.

—Patti will sing at the Louisville Auditorium in March, four times for \$25,000.

—Mrs. Charlie Keifer was burned to death by the explosion of a lamp in Louisville.

—Gen. Boulanger will receive \$21,000 for 30 lectures in the United States. He will speak in English.

—Editor T. A. Davis gets the postoffice at Maysville, N. A. Crow at Franklin, and W. E. Metchusson at Princeton.

—The Climax says it took four cars to haul the Tribble monument to Richmond. One of the stones weighs 20 tons.

—It was 24 years Wednesday since the proclamation announcing the adoption of the 13th amendment to the constitution.

—The legislature of Mississippi will be asked to appropriate \$100,000 for the purpose of erecting a monument to the late Jefferson Davis.

—Mr. J. J. Glenn, President of the State Teachers' Association, has called a meeting of all the educators of Kentucky, to be held the 26th, in Louisville.

—The Virginia school fund from all sources is \$1,500,000, of which \$1,200,000 comes out of the revenue of the State. This amounts to nearly half the income.

—At a California fair, the other day, a Plumas county man ate 43 eggs for supper. The next morning for an appetizer he partook of nine boxes of sardines.

—A lion in the Philadelphia zoo suffering from the toothache, his keeper administered laughing gas, put the beast to sleep and safely extracted the offending molar.

—Gen. Supt. Wilson and Trainmaster Cummins were instantly killed in a wreck on the O. I. & W., near Covington, Ind., caused by the breaking of an axle on the pay car.

—Mme. Patti-Nicolini is 45 years of age and has been singing since 1859. She was born in Madrid and drifted to the United States at the age of five, where she remained 12 years.

—Three nitro-glycerine magazines at North Clarendon, Pa., containing over ten tons of glycerine, blew up. Two 25,000-barrel tanks of oil caught fire and were destroyed. No lives were lost.

—A. T. Nunnally bought of Henry Traylor, Ben Gaines and William Beck a car-load of fat hogs at 3 cents.

—The Rome and Decatur railway was sold on the New York Exchange to J. B. Newcomb & Co., for \$832,000.

—Speaker Reed will announce all of his committees to-morrow, after which Congress will adjourn till after the holidays.

—The House has adopted a report suggesting a reward of \$5,000 for Silcott. One thousand bills were introduced Wednesday.

—Milo Ballabasich, mad from a terrible griping in his abdomen, committed suicide at San Francisco by cutting out his intestines and throwing them away.

—While treating to a "charivari" Martin Phillips, a newly married man, on Topeka Island, Washington, John Hall and John Graham were shot and instantly killed by the groom.

—In a shooting affray at Mt. Sterling, R. E. Smith, a traveling salesman for a Louisville firm, fatally shot Frank Hargy, a Chicago drummer, who brought on the difficulty, claiming that Smith had insulted his wife.

—The Pekin Gazette brags that during its short life of 1,000 years 1,900 of its editors have been beheaded. The average is a trifle less than two a year and not a large one considering the enormity of the offense.

—The West Virginia Legislature will meet January 8, to decide the gubernatorial contest. The majority report seats Judge Fleming, the democrat, by 214 plurality, and the minority gives the office to Goff by 108 plurality.

—George Early, Wm. Wood, Byrd Wood and Nannie Wood, four of the colored people, have been sentenced to death for firing the town of Rocky Mount on the night of October 17th.

—Just as Walter Elliott was about to be shut up in his coffin at New York he startled the mourners by inquiring "What are you going to do with me?" They didn't tell him, and then and there they abandoned the idea of burying him.

—The Court of Appeals has decided that the Hatfield, alias Mounts, who confessed to the murder of Alfira McCoy, must hang, and that the judgment of life imprisonment against the three others must stick. Mounts will go up about Feb. 1.

—The lawyer who knocked down the U. S. Marshal at Charleston, W. Va., because he said Jefferson Davis didn't deserve to be buried even in a Potter's field, was presented with a handsome gold-headed cane by the admiring citizens of his city.

—Cliff Hogan, who has been for many years foreman of the Winchester Sun, while going to his home in the suburbs, walked into a deep cut made in building the Kentucky Union road, fracturing his skull and sustaining other injuries from which he died.

—The descendants of Henry Banks, of Virginia, are asking the courts to ratify their alleged claim to some 300,000 acres of land in Bell county, this State. But if they should get it, what will they do with it? The squatters wouldn't go without a fight.

—The two little Polar bears so lately born at the Cincinnati Zoological Garden have climbed the golden stairs. They have gone to join the baby giraffe, the baby grizzlies and the baby hippopotamus of New York. The poor little things won't thrive in this latitude.

—The Supreme Court of Georgia has decided that the arbitrary standard time, made to suit the railroads, is not legal. The judge very wisely decided that time was a division of the day made from the moment the sun crossed the meridian, and that no arbitrary variance from this time, made to suit railroads, was legal.

—Miss Louise Epperson shot and killed Julius Hopper, at her home near Belleroseville, Mo., for twitting her about her numerous admirers. She had threatened to kill him on a previous occasion and kept her word the first time he again offended. Miss Louise would make a pretty good subject for the hangman.

—At Dallas, Texas, Mrs. Mary Adams, a handsome young widow, was shot and fatally wounded by W. D. Cummings, a rejected lover. She had accepted the escort of another man from church and was fired upon by Cummings, who was in ambush. Bloodhounds were placed on the track and the assassin was soon captured.

—Governor Buckner has pardoned W. A. Jenkins, 17 years old, and Vest Miller, 11 years old, sent to the penitentiary for larceny. These boys were discharged upon the application of Rudolph Finzer, of Louisville, President of the Humane Society, who undertakes the care and detention of these youthful offenders in the House of Refuge at Louisville.

—Jefferson Davis' will has been probated at Mississippi City, Miss. It is dated February 20, 1886, and leaves the Brierfield plantation and its appurtenances to the widow; Elliston plantation to Mary Ellis, of Philadelphia, and the Limerick plantation to Mary Dorsey, of Maryland. There is a mortgage of \$45,000 on the property, which the Southern people propose to raise.

HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS.—The Queen & Crescent Route will make the usual holiday excursion rates between all points on its lines. Tickets on sale December 21 to 25 inclusive, good for return until January 3. Also Dec. 29 to Jan. 1, 1890, inclusive, good for return until Jan. 5.

MATRIMONIAL MATTERS.

—C. R. Austin and Miss Sallie Tomlinson drove down from the West End and were made husband and wife by Judge Varner Wednesday.

—Mr. J. Will Swope, of the Hubble vicinity, and Miss Mary, the handsome daughter of Mr. Ashley Guiley, of Garrard, will be married at the bride's home on the 26th. Only immediate relatives are expected to be present.

—The Falmouth Democrat has been throwing out hints in that direction, but we believed they were made more in fun than otherwise, consequently the invitation to the marriage of Prof. Stonewall Jackson Pulliam, of Georgetown College, to Miss Nellie Newman, of Falmouth, takes us by surprise. The happy event will occur Dec. 31st, and we join the professor's many friends here in heartily congratulating in advance.

CHURCH AFFAIRS.

—Mrs. S. R. Brewer, widow of the late Samuel R. Brewer, Presiding Elder of the district, has been appointed Soliciting Agent of the Methodist Orphans' Home in Louisville.

—Elder Martin Owens, assisted by Elders Ruben and Todd, has just closed an 8 days' meeting at Cuba, Pulaski county, which resulted in 19 conversions and a general awakening of the church.

—There are 6,000 converts to Christianity every day. This is a showing that may well cause his Satanic majesty to tremble in his boots. But when it is remembered that 80,400 sinners begin life every 24 hours, it appears that Col. Ingersoll's future residence may speedily demand enlargement.—Glasgow Times.

MT. VERNON, ROCKCASTLE COUNTY.

—The postoffice will be moved Jan. 1, when the new postmaster takes charge.

—William Hix, who is in the furniture business at M'boro, had a wagon to turn over with him, breaking his leg, a few days since.

—When there is nothing in the world to write about how can it be expected that we scribblers can give newsworthy letters for each issue? Cease this grumbling or we will know the reason why. This is an age of trusts. What is there to prevent a scribblers' trust being organized? Have a care.

—When Jim Palmer was being taken to jail from the court-house Wednesday he made a break for liberty. The jailer yelled for help, when 50 men and boys took the trail. Jim was leaving his pursuers at a good rate when William Henderson mounted a horse and overtook and recaptured the fleeing fugitive about half a mile from town.

—Jim Palmer and Bell Owens were jailed Tuesday on the charge of house-breaking and stealing. A lot of velvet and trimmings were missed from J. E. Vowels' store. Owens was found with the goods made up into a dress which she had worn to church. At the trial Wednesday she said Palmer gave her the goods. Bond of \$200. Both remanded to jail. Palmer claims to be from your place.

—During July three cars of goods from New York, consigned to Brush Creek, Ky., were by mistake side tracked at Brush Creek, this county, where they remained more than a month. When the cars were taken away it was discovered that they had been broken into and \$700 or \$800's worth stolen. Detectives traced and found some of the goods in Jackson county and some in Manchester. Some four or five suspected parties in the neighborhood of Brush creek have made it convenient to visit other climes for the present.

—Mr. C. A. Tinsley, of Barbourville, on his way home from school stopped over here two days. H. J. Mullins, of this county, has been granted a pension. G. W. Baker is in from Louisville. Mace Miller is home from Sinks, where he has been telegraphing for some months, Joe Hardin having resumed his duties there. John Williams has resigned his night work at Livingston and is visiting in Louisville. Hugh Miller is now a student at the depot. J. J. Pointer is working nights at Livingston. C. C. Woodall is at Orleans, Ind., to see a sick sister. Mrs. L. B. Adams and children are visiting home folks in Garrard. Misses Mollie Brooks and Nannie Kennedy, two of Crab Orchard's pretty girls, were here Sunday. E. H. Boden and wife have gone to Richmond, where he will continue in the picture business. Mrs. J. H. Hutchings, of Crab Orchard, was here Tuesday to see her aunt, Mrs. P. J. Smith. Miss Lizzie Evans has gone to Zanesville, O., where she will attend school. Mrs. Jack Adams writes that she was met at the train at Guthrie, Oklahoma, by Miss Alma Carson, formerly of Brodhead.

Attention, Coal Burners.

I keep on hand a No. 1 quality of Jellico, Lily and Nut Coal in my yard. Leave your orders at Yard or S. S. Myers' store and they will be attended to promptly. J. B. HIGGINS, 63 Starford Ky.

FOR RENT.

The property occupied by A. K. Elkin, near the Danville colliery. Good house, outhouses, orchard, water, two acres of good ground, &c. Possession given at once. M. F. ELKIN.

FOR SALE!

A Brick House and Lot, On Somerset street, at present occupied by Mr. G. Cooper. A very desirable place and can be obtained at a bargain. Address call on W. H. ANDERSON, Harper, Kansas, Or P. M. McROBERTS, Stanford, Ky.

NOTICE.

Having sold my stock of groceries, to be invoiced Dec. 26th, I offer for sale privately my

Lot Containing 1¹/₁₀ Acres

On Main street. On it are a splendid stable and corn crib, which are nearly new, as is also the fencing. The creek runs through the lot.

51¹/₁₀ Acres of Land,

About 3¹/₂ miles from Stanford, on the Crab Orchard pike. Small house and good water on it. Nearly all in grass.

A Columbia Buggy, nearly new; Splendid Folding Bed; Marble Top Wash Stand, with Large Mirror; several Rocking Chairs; Carpet; Curtains; Coal Vase; Wash Stand Set, &c.

Those needing such things would do well to call on

T. R. WALTON,

Stanford, Ky.

My customers will please make arrangements to settle up promptly, as I will leave Stanford within about 20 days.

CHRISTMAS GOODS

WEATHERFORD & COOK, Hustonville,

Have a complete line of

Silverware, Watches, Lamps, Chandalabras and Glassware of All Kinds;

Candies, Nuts, Figs, Oranges, Lemons, Bananas, Dates, &c., &c.

Dolls! Dolls!! Dolls!!! Largest stock of Dolls ever brought to this vicinity.

Toys of all descriptions. Fancy Groceries, Drugs, &c. WEATHERFORD & COOK.

The Great Remedies!

KEET'S SPECIFIC cures all blood diseases, such as Scrofula, Ulcers, Pimples, Ulcerated Throat, White Swelling, Syphilitic diseases in all its stages, Necrosis, &c. Price \$1 per bottle. HAVIS' IRON BITTERS is the most pleasant to take of all the Iron tonics. It cures Dyspepsia and gives a keen appetite, enriches the blood, regulates the liver and imparts new energy to the muscles and nervous system. Price \$1 per bottle. GATLIFF'S WORM SYRUP is made of the best worm killers and expellers known to the medical profession and therefore recommends itself. It is pleasant to take, safe and reliable. Price 25¢ per bottle. GATLIFF'S MAGNETIC PILLS for all Liver Complaints, Impaired Digestion, Sick Headache, &c. Acts as cathartic. Price 25¢ per box. Manufactured and for sale to the trade by the

WILLIAMSBURG DRUG CO., Williamsburg, Ky.

NEW FURNITURE STORE!

MACK HUFFMAN, PROP.



Will keep constantly on hand a large and select line of Furniture and Undertaker's Goods. My prices will be as low as such goods can be bought in the cities. Give me a trial and you will be convinced that I sell lower than the lowest.

MEANS BUSINESS.

Buy Your Xmas Tix from A. R. Penny.

PERSONAL POINTS.

J. T. HOCKER went to Cincinnati yesterday. D. R. CARPENTER is visiting his sisters at Winchester. Mr. O. R. MARSHAL, of Bonham, Texas, is visiting friends here.

Miss LELA WILLIAMS, of Mt. Vernon is visiting Mrs. W. J. Sparks. Mr. JOHN W. ROUT is traveling salesman for the Stanford Roller Mills.

Mrs. LIZZIE MCALISTER, is visiting Mrs. Joseph McAlister in Danville.

JOSEPH HILL, a clever young gentleman from Wayne, was here Tuesday.

Misses JESSIE and MAGGIE DODDS, of Danville, are the guests of Mrs. J. E. Portman.

REV. and MRS. G. H. ROUT, of Versailles, have been visiting at Mr. John W. Rout's.

Mr. H. C. FARRIS has rented the house of J. B. Owens and well move to it about the 1st.

JOHN W. YERKES, Esq., is in Washington in the interest of Mr. Batterson for postmaster at Danville.

Mrs. ROBT. L. PORTER, daughters, Misses ELIZA and LIZZIE, and son, Willie, have been visiting relatives in Boyle.

Mr. A. F. MODERLEY and family have moved from Madison to the Pennington farm recently purchased by him.

Miss DOLLIE WILLIAMS went to Lexington yesterday to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Dr. L. F. Huffman.

PRETTY little Miss Annie Dishman, of the College, went to Harboursville last night to spend Christmas with her parents.

A LETTER from Mrs. J. Will James orders her paper to Bartow, Fla., where she and her husband are spending the winter.

COL. R. P. JACOBS and R. G. EVANS, of Danville, were over yesterday attending to business relative to Mr. W. F. Evans' estate.

Mr. W. G. MCKINNEY, after a pleasant visit to his old home, returned to Decatur, Ala., this week, but did not take the Kentucky beauty with him as predicted.

Mrs. LINDSEY, wife of U. S. District Attorney, H. B. Lindsey, of Huntsville, Tenn., and her three little children, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hendricks.

Miss ELIA McELWAIN, who has spent several weeks with Miss Rhoda Portman, left this morning for her home at Franklin, to the regret of many friends made during her stay.

MR. W. E. McAFEE, of Woodlawn Stock Farm, has in press a catalogue of his fine trotting, running and combined stock, showing the pedigree of some splendid horses, colts and mares.

CITY AND VICINITY.

HALF SOLES at T. R. Walton's.

NICE N. O. Sugar cheap. T. R. Walton.

PICKLED pigs' feet for sale at M. F. Elkin's.

TWELVE THOUSAND brick for sale at T. Metcalf's.

FINEST NEW ORLEANS Molasses at A. A. Warren's Model Grocery.

THERE will be a Christmas Tree at Mt. Xenia next Tuesday night.

PLEASE return our step ladder and let it stay at home. Higgins & McKinney.

DURING this month and January I will sell millinery at cost. Call and secure a bargain. Mrs. Kate Dudderar.

DON'T fail to see A. A. Warren's display of Holiday Goods. He has a large, varied and beautiful assortment.

THE K. C. will sell round-trip tickets at 4 cents a mile from all stations, beginning on the 23 and ending January 1, good to return on the 3d.

ORANGES from 25 to 40c per doz.; bananas 20 to 25c per doz.; lemons 20 to 25c per doz.; candy from 15 to 40c per pound. S. S. Myers.

THE story of the sale of the K. C. is denied by Supt. Huntington, who says the road is paying very handsomely and there is no concern about it with the management.

THE "Gleaners for the Kingdom" will open their Bazaar at 1 o'clock this afternoon and will serve refreshments at 25 cents. Patronize the little people who labor in a good cause. Same place Barnes' supper was given.

MINSTRELS.—Metcalf & Roach's company of burnt cork artists will be with us to-morrow night, 21st. The show is said to be a good one; it carries a fine brass band and its street parade is a feature. Be sure to see it all. Admission 25, 50 and 75, reserved seats at McRoberts' Drug Store.

COUNTRY SORGHUM at T. R. Walton's.

LAMES, queensware, &c. cheap at T. Metcalf's.

SEE S. L. POWERS & Co.'s display of Christmas goods.

Toys of every description at A. A. Warren's Model Grocery.

MR. ADAM PENCE has rented the Jas. Paxton farm of 215 acres for the year 1890 for \$1,000.

ORANGES, COCONUTS, CANDIES Nuts, Raisins, Figs, Oysters, Crackers, &c., at A. A. Warren's Model Grocery.

THE first of January is drawing near and I insist that all of my customers favor me with an early settlement. H. C. Rupley.

OUR cloaks are going very fast since we put them down at cost, so call at once before our sizes are broken too much. Owsley & Craig.

REMEMBER, we will sell you a cloak just at wholesale prices, so if you want to purchase call at once as we begin to move next week. Owsley & Craig.

OUR junior acknowledges with thanks an invitation from Miss Julia Bradley to meet Misses Rue and Jones at her home at Hustonville on the evening of the 24th.

FOR RENT.—The house formerly occupied by Mrs. Curtis Watts for the year 1890, and the house now occupied by Mr. William Geer, after Feb. 1. Apply to J. B. Higgins.

THIS is handed in by the gentleman himself: Thomas C. Ball, the retired merchant, sold to Mr. J. S. Phillips a mare and colt for \$85. Tommy tells us that he cleared \$39.15 on the two in 3 months and it beats selling sugar and coffee.

WANTS A PATENT.—Mr. T. J. Hatcher has invented a shoe polish which lays in the shade anything of the kind we have ever seen. It puts a beautiful gloss on any kind of leather and will last for 3 or 4 days, water or mud not interfering with it in the least. He will make an effort to get a patent on it.

BIG STONE GAP.—Messrs. J. S. Hughes and S. M. Owens, of this place, and Mr. J. W. Sallee and several other money devils, of Harrodsburg, will compose a party to leave for Big Stone Gap Monday next. It is their intention to buy lands before the promised boom gets on and sell while real estate is at its highest. Here's hoping they will make a million.

MARSHAL NEWLAND is getting some good work out of the chain gang, which ordinarily toil not neither do they spin, unless he is the officer in charge. He is having the streets scraped, the long stopped-up culverts opened and doing a good work generally towards relieving the town of the bad reputation it is getting for nasty streets and sidewalks. John is not afraid of work and doesn't mind making a hand himself when necessary.

THE fight for the Stanford postoffice is now on in earnest. Judge J. A. Lytle has shied his castor into the ring and says he is going in to win. Mr. B. G. Alford has been quietly working for the last year and it was thought he had the "cinch" till the judge came in from Kansas and put in his claim. Both have held the office and know what is expected of them. Mr. G. G. Wine has withdrawn and signed Judge Lytle's application. Capt. Richards' term expires January 21.

THE C. R.—Capt. W. H. Spradlin, Chief Engineer of the Cumberland River railroad, was here Tuesday in fine spirits over the prospects of the road. He had just returned from Gallatin, where Capt. Roberson informed him that there was no doubt about the early building of the road, provided the counties along the line give the right-of-way. Surely this is as little as a road could ask, which will be of such incalculable value to the section through which it passes. A large number of people along the line are willing to donate the right-of-way and we take it that few if any will be ugly about the matter, which ought to be attended to at once. Let us leave no stone unturned to secure the road.

KILLED.—Another brakeman has been added to the long list of the unfortunate who follow that hazardous occupation. Wade McPherson was horribly mangled at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning just as his train was entering the yards at Rowland. He was endeavoring to step from a high gondola to a lower one when he trod on a piece of coal, which turned with him and threw him under the wheels. Several cars passed over him, cutting off his right leg into the hip, his left leg lower down and his right arm in two places, besides otherwise injuring him. Strange to say he lived for four hours and was perfectly rational to the last. He professed religion and urged on his friends to meet him in heaven. This makes the second son of Rev. J. H. McPherson killed by the cars within the last six months and the third he has lost in a year. His cup of sorrow seems to be drained to the dregs and the sympathy of all hearts is with him and his sorrowing wife. The remains were interred Tuesday afternoon after a funeral service at the church.

BORN to the wife of J. B. Douglas a 10-pound boy.

GUNS, ammunition and loaded shells cheap at T. Metcalf's.

MINSTRELS to-morrow night, 21. Don't fail to see them.

FIFTY dozen embroidered and hem-stitched handkerchiefs just received for holiday trade. Severance & Son.

FOUND.—A pair of gold rimmed spectacles. Owner can get them by paying for this advertisement. Apply at this office.

THE large sale of the real and personal estate of Mr. A. P. van de Water will occur at his residence on the Rush Branch pike this morning.

THE town was never fuller of Christmas goods and they are going like hot cakes. Read the advertisements in this paper and you will see where you can get them cheapest and best.

TO-MORROW, Saturday, at 2 o'clock, I will sell publicly, a lot of house and kitchen furniture, including an extension table, nice bureau, chairs, oil tank, fruit jars, &c. Mrs. Geo. H. McKinney.

THE spring-like weather continues and the signal service says it is likely to be the rest of the month. The goosebore said this would be the coldest week of the year and lo! it is the warmest. There has not been a cold day this fall or winter.

HALF of our Hustonville package of Tuesday's papers were returned here yesterday from the Cincinnati office. The mails are miserably handled now by the greenhorns at work on this line and Capt. Jenks' attention is respectfully called.

T. R. WALTON has sold his grocery store to H. C. Farris and Mark Hardin for cost and carriage, but invoicing will not commence till the 26th, from now to which time you can get goods, mightily low at the corner of Main and Somerset streets. Mr. Walton has been in bad health for sometime and his object in selling is to seek a climate that will restore it. He will leave early in January perhaps for California.

ALLEGED BIGAMIST.—Eld. B. M. Neale, who married Miss Martha Mann, at Junction City, eight or ten years ago and then went to Missouri and it is alleged, married again, was at Milledgeville yesterday taking depositions to prove that he is not the same Neale. His name is the same and many recognize him as the same one who used to live here, but he persists he is not the man. He is under bail at Mt. Vernon, Ind., for \$5,000 to answer a charge of bigamy.

THE SWISS.—Mr. J. Ottenheimer, who has spent the week with the colony he founded in this county at Ottenheim and Highland, tells us that he found the new people doing remarkably well and all contented with their location. They have full garners and a sufficiency of stock and are feeling well generally. Many of them have paid for their lands while the others are fast doing so. They are making what was considered the valueless part of the county to bloom with thrift and beauty, and are proving good citizens.

STANFORD society people have not been treated to a more delightful entertainment for many a day than was the "lunch" given by Mrs. W. H. Miller on Wednesday evening. Some 15 couples were on hand at the invited hour and were royally entertained by Mrs. Miller, who had as her assistants Messrs. W. H. Miller and D. R. Carpenter. Little Miss Linda Miller welcomed each of the guests at the door and played the role of receiver in an admirable manner for one so young. The lunch that was spread was fit for the gods and was liberally partaken of. Misses McElwain and Twidwell, in whose honor the lunch was given, bore the honors of the occasion with good grace and added much to the pleasure of the evening.

THE distillery of W. H. Traylor was burned at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning destroying the engine, 10 barrels of whisky, 100 mash tubs of 72 bushels each and all the other appurtenances of the establishment. It is supposed that it caught from the roof. It took fire twice the evening before and it is thought that it was not entirely extinguished, sparks perhaps remaining in the old timbers. The house was built 90 years ago by Mr. Traylor's father and was entirely too combustible for its valuable contents. It was connected with the warehouse, where 1,700 barrels of whisky are stored which only escaped by extraordinary effort to save it. Mr. Traylor says his loss is fully \$4,000 immediate and prospective and that he had not a cent insurance. He will rebuild at once and hopes to be again under headway in 6 weeks.

IT rained as usual when there is an entertainment at the Opera House, but nevertheless a fair audience was present Tuesday night to greet Mrs. A. D. Reid's Class in Elocution. To say that the lady deserves credit for the work she has accomplished with the young ladies but mildly expresses the verdict of all who heard them. She has done well and her class is an honor to her skill and ability to impart the splendid accomplishment of reading and reciting with ease and grace. Not one of the ladies failed to acquit herself creditably and when each

did so well it is difficult to particularize. The curtain rose on the class in semi-circle, when "Ring Out, O Bells" was given with spirit and melody. Miss Helen Reid in a well-modulated voice recited "The Polish Boy," very artistically; Miss Berta Carpenter gave "Our Folks" very charmingly; Miss Mary Adams gave new beauty to "Little Red Jacket," while Miss Kate Cook's rendition of the "Evening on the Farm" was excellent both in manner and imitation. Miss Julia Bradley then sang "Merry Bingara" and her effort was so highly appreciated that she was forced to respond to an encore, which she did giving a verse of "Then You'll Remember Me" very sweetly. She has a good voice, well cultivated, and looked very lovely in a suit of white. Miss Lena Williams' recitation of "Drowned" was remarkable for clearness of enunciation and for the beautiful rendition of a song as she gracefully knelt before the audience. Miss Lizzie Drye was more than pleasing in her presentation of "Lost and Found" and Miss Jennie Reid's portrayal of the "Maiden Martyr" was an effort worthy of a professional. Mrs. H. R. Cannitz next sang "The Song That Reached My Heart" and was rewarded by so decided and prolonged an encore that she again appeared and sang, by special request, "Margarite." Both her singing and her amusing recitation of "Josiah Allen's Wife" were greatly enjoyed and she deserves congratulation on so greatly adding to the success of the entertainment. Pretty Miss Mattie Alcorn in "Sister and I" and Little Dollie Alcorn in "Bobolink" were especially good. The little one's imitation of the notes of a bird was almost perfect and her acting was worthy of a much older person. "John Maynard" by Miss Anna Reid elicited well deserved applause and then a trio composed of Miss Bradley, J. B. Cook and George Bradley sang "Life Has No Power." A hearty encore attested how well it was received and lasted till they had to respond. "The Famine" by Miss M. S. Logan was an effort worthy of great commendation and it was generously bestowed. Miss Julia Goode was the last to recite and gave "Ninety-Eight" with much beauty and effect. Messrs. Cook, Bradley, Will Huffman and Beecher Adams sang "Moonlight on the Lake" and were rapturously applauded. The calisthenic exercise by the class showed how well it had been drilled and the many motions were given with marked uniformity and skill. A duet by Misses Anna Reid and Kate Cook entitled "The Hour of Parting" closed the exercises, which were generously applauded and heartily enjoyed throughout. Miss Dollie Williams furnished the instrumental music, W. R. Williams was master of ceremonies and H. R. Cannitz attended to the tickets and finances. The lovely young ladies of our sister town of Hustonville did themselves proud and we sincerely congratulate them and their excellent teacher.

The Old Man Can Take the Cake.

(To the Editor of the Interior Journal.)

In your last issue of the I. J., I noticed an exploit of Mr. J. B. Owens with a shot-gun and dog. Please permit me to relate an incident of my hunting with a rifle gun. When I was a young man, about 65 years ago, I took my rifle gun and went to the woods to kill a mess of squirrels. I killed 11 squirrels and two wild turkeys—13 in all—at 12 shots, not missing a shot, but killing two of the squirrels at one shot. One of the turkeys was running fast at the time I killed it. At another time a dog was my sheep on a tolerably dark night, so dark that I could not see the sight on my gun. I could only distinguish the dog from the sheep by his yelp. I fired and shot him through. The dog was about 80 yards off and running at full speed. J. L. DAWSON.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR RENT.

House & Lot of Miss Mary Myers, Now occupied by Mr. G. N. Bradley, is for rent for the year 1890. Possession given January 1st. A. D. ROOT, Stanford, Ky.

PUBLIC SALE

I will sell publicly, before I go back to Europe on Friday, Dec. 20th, 1889,

My Farm of 88 Acres of Blue-Grass Land, Situated 1 1/2 miles from Stanford, the county seat of Lincoln county, Ky., 6 miles from Lancaster and 8 miles from Danville, all on good turnpikes. The improvements are a 2-story frame building with hall, 6 rooms and kitchen; two barns the one 100x30x6, with granary, corn crib and 6 boxes for fine horses; the second 40x40x10 with 11 stalls, a box room for calves, hay, straw lofts and corn crib.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF HUSTONVILLE, AT HUSTONVILLE, In the State of Kentucky, at the close of business Dec. 11, 1889.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$103,556 34
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	2,417 92
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Due from approved reserve agents	12,050 51
Due from other National Banks	27,052 37
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	1,500 00
Current expenses and taxes paid	1,092 18
Premiums paid	2,500 00
Checks and other cash items	335 54
Bills of other Banks	875 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	29 25
Specie	6,774 45
Legal tender notes	3,000 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer	5 00
5 per cent. of circulation	562 50
Total	\$174,198 86

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund	10,000 00
Undivided profits	4,898 45
National Bank notes outstanding	10,250 00
Individual deposits subject to check	94,962 83
Due to other National Banks	8,092 18
Total	\$174,198 86

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

County of Lincoln, ss. I, J. W. Hocker, cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. HOCKER, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of Dec., 1889. G. F. PEACOCK, N. P. L. C. Correct attest.

J. P. RIFE, J. T. ROBINSON, EDWARD ALBORN, Directors.

No. 3954

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE LINCOLN NATIONAL BANK, AT STANFORD, In the State of Kentucky, at the close of business, Dec. 11, 1889.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$306,059 79
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	4,372 72
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000 00
Due from approved reserve agents	9,436 77
Due from other National Banks	6,101 77
Due from State Banks and Bankers	1,126 68
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	7,300 00
Current expenses and taxes paid	284 90
Premiums paid	4,000 00
Bills of other Banks	1,000 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	81 31
Specie	4,200 00
Legal tender notes	4,500 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer	5 00
5 per cent. of circulation	2,250 00
Total	\$400,503 94

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$200,000 00
Surplus Fund	20,000 00
Undivided profits	17,181 18
State Bank Notes outstanding	45,000 00
Individual deposits subject to check	115,801 36
Due to other National Banks	14,533 92
Due to State Banks and Bankers	5,007 48
Total	\$400,503 94

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County of Lincoln, ss. I, John B. Owsley, cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN B. OWSLEY, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of Dec., 1889. W. M. BRIGHT, N. P. L. C. Correct attest.

J. B. OWSLEY, J. E. SMYER, S. H. SHANKS, Directors.

No. 2788

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, AT STANFORD, In the State of Kentucky, at the close of business Dec. 12, 1889.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$320,400 27
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	11,003 22
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000 00
Stock, securities, judgments, claims, etc.	37,250 50
Due from approved reserve agents	3,480 26
Due from other National Banks	3,120 42
Due from State Banks and Bankers	398 80
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	8,900 00
Current expenses and taxes paid	3,199 57
Premiums paid	4,500 42
Checks and other cash items	602 80
Bills of other Banks	174 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	54 33
Specie	5,266 59
Legal tender notes	4,850 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer	5 00
5 per cent. of circulation	2,500 00
Total	\$424,608 00

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$250,000 00
Surplus fund	15,000 00
Undivided profits	9,142 60
National Bank Notes outstanding	45,000 00
Individual deposits subject to check	108,886 19
Due to other National Banks	5,412 48
Due to State Banks and Bankers	2,916 64
Notes and bills re-discounted	1,350 18
Special loan	15,000 00
Total	\$424,608 00

STATE OF KENTUCKY,

County of Lincoln, ss. I, John J. McRoberts, cashier of above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN J. McROBERTS, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of Dec., 1889. W. M. BRIGHT, N. P. L. C. Correct attest.

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BERTHA.

Her First Real Christmas and How She Enjoyed It.



It was a cold wintry day on the 24th of December, and the flakes of snow were falling thick and fast in the midst of the busy throng that surrounded the stores filled with Christmas gifts. Many of the faces wore a cheerful, happy look; thoughts seemed to wander to Christmas stockings and their contents, and one after another the tired Santa Clauses hurried home laden with presents. Each seemed intent on his or her own affairs and failed to notice a little girl who was standing, looking so longingly, so intently, at a beautiful doll in one of the store windows. A shawl of thin material was closely wrapped around her shivering body, and two thin hands tightly clasped a rag-baby held up to the window, for even she was supposed to take an interest in the Christmas goods. As for the little girl, every thing was so beautiful, so bewildering, that even Jack Frost could not force the little figure away from the attractive window. Dinah, however, was getting cold, for her black woolly hair was gradually turning into a white crop, which very much worried her little mother.

"We must be going, Dinah, dear," she said, as she tenderly tucked her baby under the shawl. "It's so awful cold. Oh, if it was July summer all the time!"

"A Christmas without snow!" exclaimed a kind, brisk gentleman, as he gave a merry twist to her old shawl.

"I don't know what you mean by Christmas," she said, as the blue eyes met the brown ones of the stranger.

"Don't know Christmas or Santa Claus? Well, I guess you will know tomorrow, as sure as I have one arm left," he said, and he looked at the empty sleeve of blue which hung in honor from his shoulder. Then followed a brief history of the "old-time saint." A hasty address was written, and with a strong arm holding her close to himself, he said: "To-morrow at half-past one, my dear, be ready, for I will come and take you to my home; Santa Claus always comes to my home, and you shall surely see him this Christmas."

A pair of blue eyes beamed with joy as he told her his plans, and if Dinah had possessed any feeling, I am afraid her sickness would have been much worse, owing to frequent squeezings, causing the black head to bob up and down in excited ecstasies. She could not express her thanks in words, but clung to him and tried to thank him as best she could.

That night the story was told to mother, and Fido, the dog, was told again and again, and a happier little girl than the one that crawled into the narrow hay bed could not be found in the State of Colorado.

She dreamed of it, and as soon as the blue eyes were opened to the morning, feared lest the vision should fade away. "No, it's really true," she said, as she hopped about on one leg, with Dinah desperately hanging by her arm.

It would have been all right if the stranger had left out the words: "Be ready at half past one." Alas, for poor little Bertha! She had no dress but one, and would have been just as ready then as when the prancing bay horse swung the sleigh around before the door, and the kind gentleman descended and tenderly lifted her under the warm buffalo robe. Prompt to the moment and punctual as the clock was Mr. Branton, and although he did have six rosy children and the "mother-bird" (as he called his wife) to provide for at Christmas time, all of whose stockings must be filled "chuck jam to the brim," his heart was plenty large enough to provide for another chick, the last of which remark he made to his wife, whose eyes at once were full, and whose never idle hand was always ready to help in any direction. "We'll all make it as pleasant as we can for her, and show her that she can be one of Santa Claus' girls, too. Come, children," she continued, "come and help me, for I shall need much assistance. Madge, you can finish this scent-bag, while I go downtown for a few miscellaneous articles."

"Let me go, too, mamma; I have ten cents I'd like to spend for the little girl," said Mable, generously giving her last dime that she had planned to spend for something else.

Led by Mable's example, one and all, from fat little Baby Ralph, who toddled after his penny bank, to sixteen-year-old Madge, who generously gave a quarter, eagerly contributed to the new fund.

"Oh, thank you, my dears; that was truly noble, and you will receive your reward from the One who said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Come, Mable, you can go with me, for I shall need your assistance now that my spending sum is so much larger," she said, with a smile, for she only knew

how great a sacrifice each one had made with their unequal talents. But time was flying, and "mother-bird" was in a hurry, so no more was said, and the big front door slammed a Christmas good-bye to the shoppers.

"Time's flying and fingers, too, at the Branton's," said a friend to her neighbor on the day following. "Every one of 'em's pitching in, and just now I saw nine stockings hanging up at the hearth and a new face was smiling just as sweet as you please. I do believe it is one of Mr. Branton's smart pranks. He always does find room for some stray lamb around Christmas time."

"Yes, he is setting us an example," replied her neighbor, feeling justified in saying it, as she had invited the washerwoman's boy over to her home to share the Christmas turkey and partake of the plum pudding, which just at that particular moment was browning in the oven. But I must not linger too long with the neighbors, for I guess my readers must be in a hurry to take a peep at Mr. Branton's home.

In a large room decked with evergreens and made deliciously comfortable by a glowing fire of red coals that lighted the room in crimson bars of radiance, they were all gathered together, apparently playing a game; all but little Ralph, who was closely examining the artificial chimney "what Santa Claus was doing to come froo."

The smiles that lighted each face with Christmas happiness never lessened throughout the evening. Here happiness reigned, and if the goddess of happiness had bestowed her richest blessings on the little circle their hearts could not have overflowed any more than they did on that Christmas eve in the home of Mr. Branton.

A curtain of creton, valled nine rather humpy looking stockings that hung by an artificial fire-place, back of which was a door through which the mysterious Santa Claus was to convey his Christmas treasures and join in a romp with the children. Most of the children had implicit faith in the well-known St. Nick. Madge, Mabel and Celia, who were the three oldest, had rather gone back on the old man, and now played his part themselves, in the "mother-



bird's" room, where such long meetings were held (consultations included) that the smaller ones could hardly imagine what could be going on, but at last their minds were set at rest by Willie, who said he thought they were writing letters to Santa Claus.

It was the custom of each one to write a letter to Santa Claus, from papa down to little Ralph, whose numerous wants were chanted in mamma's ear, who took particular care to note each one, even though the majority of them were rather outrageous, such as a "toy monkey what's bigger'n Uncle Tom's horse."

Amidst the joy and laughter, when excitement reigned among the children, Mr. Branton slipped quietly away. In the midst of an exciting game the sound of a bell came from somewhere in the region of the artificial fire-place, and little Ralph dropped his toy blocks and looked up at Madge with such a happy, excited look that she kissed the flushed cheeks and said: "Yes, you little rascal, Santa Claus is coming."

Sure enough, bounce! bang! slam! came a jolly-looking Santa Claus down a queer sort of a chimney, and after a vigorous attempt at blowing his nose, described his long and tedious journey to the excited audience who were listening with noiseless anxiety when the well-known voice of the smallest member of the assembly broke the silence by saying: "O, Santa Claus, did you get my letter?"

"Get your letter! Let me see," he said, as he fumbled around in the large, roomy pocket and fished out a rather crumpled piece of paper, with Ralph's letter written on it, in the delicate handwriting of the "mother-bird."

"Did you get mine, too?" asked one and all of the children, as the excitement began to deepen. He displayed them all, even Bertha's that had been sent off in such a hurry.

Then one by one, Santa Claus handed out the well-filled stockings, and oh, how mysteriously beautiful it did seem to one of the little girls present, who could not resist the temptation to plant a sweet kiss on his forehead and whisper in his ear that she loved him and wished he could come to her house next year. The promise that she received, as well as all the beautiful presents, made her so happy that she would fain run home, and tell mother all about it before it was through.

Ah! yes, dear readers, it did them all good, and made them feel happy to think that their sacrifices had made a Merry Christmas for this little girl, and their hearts really felt the words "God loveth a cheerful giver."

This kindling of brotherly love in their hearts did not blaze for a short time and then die out, but burned steadily, till the dingy brown house blossomed under the care of more than one little hand, and more than one sad heart brightened from the remembrance of Bertha and the Christmas Eve, when they all learned how much a sacrificing act and the helping hand contribute to the happiness of the heart. And the beautiful words of the Saviour echoed through their minds: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."—Kate Tucker, in N. Y. Observer.

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Rochester is not only a good, prosperous specimen of a live American city, but she can boast of a notable art gallery worth a journey of some length to visit. Mr. D. W. Powers is the owner and collector. I spent half a day not long since visiting this fine aggregation of beautiful pictures and fortunately found Mr. Powers present himself gloating over his treasures. We talked at some length about art and when it came time for me to go I could see that Mr. Powers gave me up reluctantly.

For a young man I have been something of a collector myself, beginning some ten years since by the acquisition of noted companion pictures known as "Wide Awake" and "Fast Asleep." They are only copies, of course, but by connoisseurs they are regarded as very faithful copies indeed.

At a sheriff's sale on Staten Island not long since the property of an old picture virtuoso included a study entitled "The Horse Fair," by Rosa Bonheur. It is executed with a pen and looks like the original picture. It is very spirited indeed. The horses are also in good condition, having been fed on ground feed, I judge, all winter. They are of the Norman variety, with great breadth of beam, and their tails are done up in Psyche knots. I like the picture very much, as also does every one who sees it. I got it at a great bargain, which also included the frame and a wire with which to hang it up. It is in my studio as I write these lines, while near it, with sad, reproachful eyes and tender mien, is a life-size portrait of Lydia E. Pinkham engaged in inventing a Vegetable Compound which will bring joy to the world.

My collection is also enriched by several rare bijouteries from the Old World. One is a picture of Napoleon on the Island of St. Helena. I bought it of an American who was in Paris last summer. He offered it to me for twenty francs without the frame.

Probably of the five hundred paintings in the Powers Gallery "the wife of Rubens" is one of the most beautiful, and also chaste, the catalogue goes on to state. Rubens loved to paint his wife rather than have her paint herself. He was quite proud of her, and nothing pleased him better than to give her a sitting whenever she got a new dress. Rubens, Titian and Falk are my favorite artists. Another very striking picture is called "Le Mois d'Octobre (La Recette Des pommes de terre)." This is by August Hagborg, a Swedish artist, and if I hadn't read the French title to it I would have said that it looked like a potato patch in the fall. An old gentleman of the Denham Thompson caste of countenance is engaged in pouring a



half bushel of Early Rose pommes de terre into a bag, held open by his solemn little daughter. It is really a very strong and beautiful picture. "The pommes de terre are real good, too."

Mr. Powers told me about several of the best-known painters, and said that if in my collection at home I had any of their works he would buy them of me. Leonardo da Vinci, he said, did most of his painting in the fifteenth century. He was the natural son of Pietro da Vinci, of Florence. We often hear of unnatural parents and unnatural husbands and sons, but here was a son who was thoroughly natural and so was his work. He said he didn't ask anybody to take his word for it, but he let his work show for itself. "If you do not like my painting or if it scowls or blisters, or the varnish does not stand the climate," he used to say, "bring it back and I will replace it."

He was not only a great painter but also a poet, musician, mathematician, mechanic and sculptor. He could also play tennis and break steers.

Da Vinci painted a fresco called the Last Supper which has been severely criticised. It is peeling off now owing to the fact that he was experimenting with some new paints which he got of the great paint and oil works at Milan. The table-cloth, among other things, in this great masterpiece, if ironed according to the way it seems to have been folded, would have made a square wad of linen two feet high, and those who have taken in washing for years, as I have, will agree with me that you can not fold and iron a package two feet high. One of Da Vinci's apostles also wears spectacles and I think there is a telephone in one corner of the room. Possibly it was intended for something else, but it looks like a telephone.

Giotto was earlier on the ground than Da Vinci and did his flourishing in the thirteenth century. His parents were married before he met them, which is why he had the laugh on Da Vinci, as Mr. Browning would say. Giotto was a shepherd to start with, but soon attracted attention by sketching a sheep occasionally on a stone and doing it so graphically that a great many people agreed with him that it looked like a sheep. He next began the study of sacred subjects, putting more expression into the faces than any artist had

ever done before. Up to that time saints were depicted in a painting only by the large and top-heavy halo placed on them, and the historian says that prior to Giotto's time the crucifixion had been handled so awkwardly that it was necessary to label the thieves so that they could be readily distinguished. It is also said that all three of the figures had an expression on their faces betokening the keenest enjoyment.

Giotto changed all this and easily became the father of painting and the mosaic art.

Michael Angelo was a most singular man. He lived to be almost ninety years of age and never married. He was sixty before he had a tender thought toward any of the fair sex. He was a great painter, but what a long, bleak life he must have led after all. Michael was also a very good sculptor, getting all he could do at this in winter when the weather was too inclement for painting. The last twenty years of his life, however, he had the job of decorating St. Peter's inside, and though he did not live to see it completed, his skill is visible everywhere in the beautiful edifice.

Titian was more of a portrait painter and used to do a good deal of enlarging from photographs. He was a good col-



orist and his perspective met with a hearty encouragement from one and all. He died in the midst of his career as a result of the regular Italian pestilence which generally kills off the best people of Italy just as they begin to show signs of real genuine worth. The sanitary arrangements of Italy have been noted for many centuries. A keen love for art and a bitter hatred for sanitary plumbing and soap has been the fatal watchword of Italy for many generations.

Raphael Santi, however, was the most popular, personally, I presume, of any of these artists. He was rather better looking than Saroni and his pictures were first-rate also. He died young and left a number of very expensive works of art. Raphael was buried in the Pantheon at Rome, twenty-eight years after the discovery of America.

Mr. Powers has conferred a great boon upon not only his own city, but the State and the country. To go to Rochester without visiting the Powers Gallery is to make a very grave mistake, I think.

Coming from paintings by the old masters to the more modern works, let me touch upon a brief glimpse of the opera from behind the scenes. The other evening I had the pleasure of shaking hands with Nadji & Co., and conversing with them regarding the business.

I would not make a success of opera, I fear. I would not look well in a ballet; especially since my leg was broken, as the fracture still shows, especially when the footlights are turned on. Nadji had just received an invoice of new tightgirdles costing about \$480, I believe. Sixty people have to wear them and they require two pairs each. These at \$4 or \$4.50 per pair last some time and take off the profits. The costumes in this opera are quite rich and warm. They do not impede the movements of the owners very much, though. Some of the girls wear large cavalry boots which keep off a good deal of the cold, I think.

I called on Miss Wadsworth, who keeps the costumes in repair. She looked quite careworn. "One opera costume may look like a very small matter to you," she said, sadly, "but when you come to sixty or eighty of them, it is a big job to keep them in shape."

It is quite homelike and cheerful at the wings between times, when the ballet is off. Here is a tall blonde girl wearing a negligee costume which leaves her limbs perfectly free to move about in almost any given direction. She is crocheting. Here, too, is another hippy-tyop artist sitting with her short skirts so arranged that she can not muss them as she sits and slumbers with her cherry lips a little bit ajar. Another one is engaged in tatting. I have always thought that any one who has the



patience to teach school and make tatting ought to be able to look Job in the face some day and make the boil industry hide its head in shame.

We of the audience are too apt to imagine the ballet as engaged in reading notes from the dry-goods clerks who are trying to be rouses on eight dollars a week. We have been taught to regard the ballet girl as thus employed a good deal of the time. Possibly there are such cases, but to go behind the scenes

and discover these lithe-limbed gazelles in tight, with their feet on the stove, engaged in embroidering slippers for the pastor, was a new picture for me. All is demure, and gentle industry holds the fort.

All at once there is a loud and defiant strain on the clarinet! The gentleman in the tin-shop who tends bar all day and plays on four kinds of drums, a triangle, a string of sleigh bells, a xylophone, a pair of brass knucks, a tom-tom, a Waterbury watch, a koodoo, a joint of stove-pipe, a set of cymbals, a coarse comb, a mouth organ, a pair of clippers, a bird call, a hotel gong, a bag-pipe and a length of gas pipe in the evening, gives a wild thump to the kettle-drum and all is life and activity. "Places all!" shouts the stage manager with his wig in his hand. Tall girls fall over short girls. The tatting goes this way and the crocheting the other. The comedian with a wild bound yells; "Let me out; can't you get out of the way!" The girls put on a smile commensurate with their salaries and away they go like a beautiful bedlam let loose!

It is fun to see them skip the light pedantic toe and followed by applause gently return to their knitting. It is a business, just the same as selling goods or splitting rails. The baritone said he was tired for he had sung in church in the morning and at the matinee and evening performance also. No wonder he looked at the clock with some anxiety. The prima donna, Miss Lamont, did not complain, but said it was work all the time, as it is surely in these operas.

I thought when I went behind the scenes that there would be a good deal that was funny. The funny part is on the stage. Behind the scenes, everywhere, are the earnestness and the anxiety and the jealousy of life. Do not go behind the scenes to see any thing funny. There you will find the struggle and the serious work of living. There you will find the torn costumes and the paint and powder which we do not see so plainly on the stage.

There you will see the sham love-making which from the orchestra looks so sweet and romantic turned to practical hatred and the unmusical discord of actual existence. The comedian is serious even under his red wig and fiery donagals. The simple rustic beauty boxes the ears of the call boy, and the tenor takes a chew of tobacco from the pocket of his scarlet velvet tunic.

Life is, indeed, a stage, and we are, alas! but hams thereon. "Laugh and the world laughs with you. Weep and you weep alone." I use this couplet in order to bring up once more the celebrated controversy over its authorship. I enjoy a controversy very much, provided I am out of reach with a base-ball mask over my Websterian brow.

Bill Nye

AT THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.



Attendant—Are you looking for any thing in particular?

Uncle Reub—Yis, sah, I is. I heered tell dat dey wuz some ob'd ole mastahs a-stoppin' heah, en I fought I'd look in en see 'f ole Mars Ogilethop, ob Gale's plannation, Georgy, had arrived in town. I ain't sot eyes on him sence sixty-fo'—Pack.

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Tramp—Say, boss, can you give me some dinner? I'm so hungry I'd sell my birthright for something to eat.

Paterfamilias—Humph! I doubt if your birthright is the equivalent of even a mess of pottage.

Tramp—Well, it ought to be. My family has been in the soup for several generations.—Munsey's Weekly.

Not a Leap-Year Proposal.

Young Widow—Mr. Preachley, will you marry me?

Mr. Preachley—Well, really, Mrs. Buckley, this is so sudden, and—

Young Widow—Oh, well, take your time to think it over. Mr. Harkins and I thought we'd like to have you perform the ceremony for us.—Harper's Bazar.

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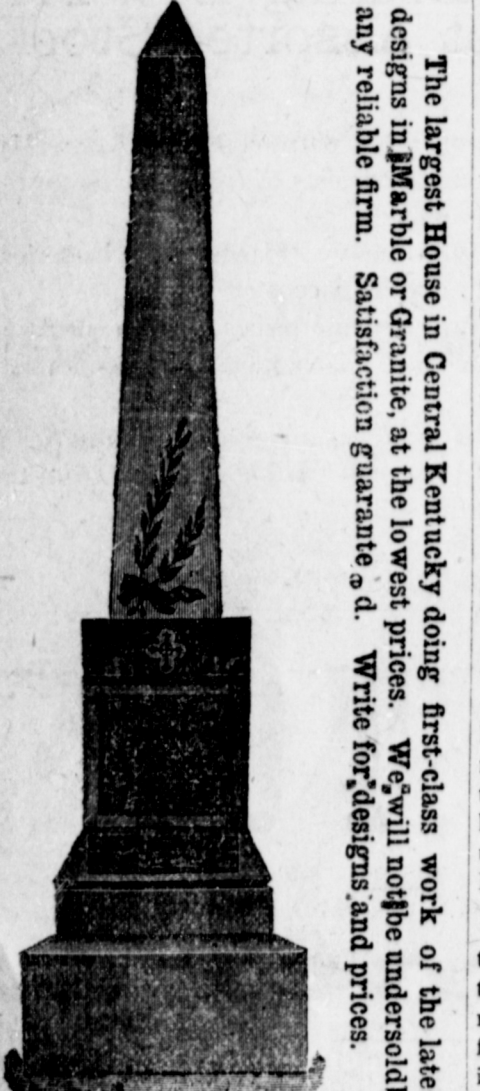
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Talmage's Sermon.

The papers are disposed to make fun of the "enterprise" shown by the dailies in publishing Talmage's sermons the day after they are delivered, no matter at what remote end of the earth he may be. The Louisville Post says: Brother Talmage preached a sermon yesterday at Capernaum, Palestine, and the enterprising morning papers print it verbatim labeled "Special dispatch to the Enquirer," or "Courier-Journal," as the case may be. A dispatch from Capernaum would have to be carried for several days on camel's back to reach the nearest telegraph station and the cable tolls on a three column sermon would be about fifteen thousand dollars. It is cruel to let it away, but Brer. Talmage had his Jerusalem and Capernaum sermons written in type-writer and ready to mail before he crossed the ocean. These papers will be publishing special cables from Mwapwa of the North Pole before long, and expecting a gullible public to wonder at their "enterprise."

The Louisville Times is led to remark: "There are grounds for the fear that the traveling friends of Dr. Talmage are having a hard trip. The doctor is bound to preach at all the important points he visits in Europe, Asia and Africa and as the people of the countries he traverses do not understand his language, and would not turn out to hear him if they did, his audiences are made up of a group of friends, presumably the same group every time and a small group at that. The friendship of these people is invoked to induce them to stay in sight while the eloquent divine unloads upon them the discourses which he had sold to the American newspapers before he left home. News that the "group" has gone on a strike may be expected at any moment."

The will of the late Col. W. F. Evans was probated Monday, with Messrs. R. G. Evans and M. J. Farris as executors on the same. The first provision of his will is for his wife, to whom he bequeaths \$50,000. He next bequeaths to his son, Robert Graham Evans, the farm he lived upon at the time of his death valued at \$41,000. Next he bequeaths to his daughter, Jennie, wife of M. J. Farris, the sum of \$35,000 in trust, Mr. M. J. Farris being the trustee, this sum to go to the child or children surviving her. In addition to this sum, she was given \$6,000 absolutely, making an amount equivalent to \$41,000, equal to the value of R. G. Evans' farm. In addition to this, \$6,883.20, amounts owed to her, in consideration of which she surrenders to her notes of her husband, M. J. Farris, equal to \$11,000, the amount that had been advanced to Robert G. Evans. The residue of the estate is divided between the son and daughter. Col. Evans' estate will amount to between \$175,000 to \$200,000. The will was dated Dec. 1, 1889, with W. C. Price and J. S. Roberts as witnesses.—Advocate.

STANLEY'S IVORY AT ANTWERP.—The second sale of ivory sent down from the interior of Africa by Stanley took place at Antwerp yesterday. Altogether 2,444 elephants' teeth, representing 313 tons, were offered. There was a good attendance, among those present being four buyers from Sheffield. The demand was very firm, and the full prices obtained at the London sales last week were realized. They were at least 10 per cent. all round above the quotations of the previous July.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Much misinformation prevails as to the new gunpowders. The so-called "Smokeless powder," which is a first cousin to gun-cotton, makes very little smoke in combustion, but there is no such thing as a "noiseless powder"—that is, none that will shoot. To carry a ball there must be a sudden expansion of powerful gas and its sudden release. Its impact upon atmosphere invariably produces a concussion. Even a popgun makes a noise.

The following is an extract from a real composition written by a small school boy in New Jersey. The subject given by the teacher was the extensive one of "Man." Here's what the small boy wrote: "Man is a wonderful animal. He has eyes, ears, mouth. His ears are mostly for catching cold in and having the earache. The nose is to get the sniffles with. A man's body is split half way up and he walks on the split ends."—Lippincott's Magazine.

A Texas editor having charged that the father of a rival editor had been in the penitentiary, was notified that he must retract or die. He retracted as follows: "We find that we are mistaken in our statement last week that the Bugle editor's sire had been in the penitentiary. The efforts of his friends to have his sentence commuted to imprisonment for life, failed, and he was hanged."

A South Carolina man, who was curious to know just how much stuff an alligator could get away with, when he fed well, fed out a hind quarter of a cow, 7 chickens, a sheep, 4 geese, and a hog's head before the reptile backed water. The cow and sheep and poultry had died of poison, but this didn't trouble the "gator" any.

FOR BRAVELESS BOYS.—The Scientific American has little confidence in compounds that will force the whiskers to grow, but says this is the best recipe it knows of: Croton oil 12 drops, sweet oil of almonds 1 oz. troy. Mix and rub on the skin gently twice a day. If too irritating double the amount of sweet almond oil. It is poisonous.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

A Christmas Story Written by a Little Girl.



"GOT any stray work, ma'am?" "No, and no use for tramps," responded Miss Merrit, awaking from her dream of a recipe for plum pudding and sad meditations; for five years ago that day they had brought home her only sister cold and lifeless, with her little orphan daughter, and a week ago they had had such good pudding at Mr. Lane's.

"I am not a tramp; see here," and the man swung gracefully by the limb of an apple tree on to the plank sidewalk five feet distant. "A circus man then," was the prompt answer. (Miss Merrit held circus men at the "bottom of the heap," as the saying is, and the young man's gymnastics did not impress her in his favor.) "Go away," she continued, "skip." He turned and walked away, a strange look on his face. He murmured something; perhaps "how blessed we mortals be."

Miss Merrit did not notice the look of strife and trouble on his pale face; the color and expression of his eyes so like the one dearer to her than all else. But from Florence's sunny chamber a full view was commanded, and feeling sorry for the man she stole out with a piece of bread. Overtaking the man at the corner, she offered him the bread, saying: "Here, sir, please take this." He drew back, saying haughtily: "I am not a beggar!" But, looking into her soft brown eyes, now so full of pity, he uttered a little cry and started back: "At last, at last! Thank God!" Florence was astounded.

Florence's golden head was crowded with confused ideas. Aunt Hannah was



AN AWFUL LEAP.

calling; she must not know; and with her busy mind full of beggars turning into Princes, she ran.

And now before we proceed further let us examine our characters. Miss Merrit, a maiden lady, the eldest daughter of Henry Merrit. When her father died, and she was yet in mourning, news came of her sister marrying a young man, poor, yet who loved her. She begged her sister's forgiveness, if not for her for their little child. Miss Merrit sent a letter, cold and chilling, denouncing them all.

"I am your sister, you should have asked me," she said; "a marriage of love, indeed; for such I have no honor. And," she continued, "I shall never love or befriend the wife or child of Horace Montgomery."

And so she wrote words cold and unfeeling. The picture painted of his wife and his little child with golden hair did not prevail on her. But three years later, when they brought Helen's little girl to her, she took the little orphan and promised to love her. Who could help it?

It was a cold winter's day—the day before Christmas. But ah! how different from the usual festive days, for there had been no snow, although bleak winds had been blowing for a week. Suddenly some one said "fire."

"Where?" "At the Merrits."

Alas! too true; in a minute the whole house was ablaze. The flame was creeping higher and higher.

"Is everything here? Yes, thank fortune."

"Where is Florence?"

"Oh! heavens, where is she?"

The words went from lip to lip. Florence stood in the top-story window.

"Who will venture to get her? Three thousand dollars reward." No one answered. Oh, should the little girl only be an addition of fuel to the flames? No! Some one started forward. It was the "tramp."

He climbed the ladder, now he held the child in his arms, he descended, but all below was flames.

He sprang out of the way, took an awful leap into the apple-tree, and fell senseless to the ground. Saved! The rest—no one who were there remember it—but somehow they found that the tramp, Horace Montgomery, had fared hard, had been in that town and looked for work, seen his child and meant to claim her, when he had had a violent attack of fever. I can tell you it was a happy Christmas, and also that Hannah Merrit was very sorry she ever said "None for tramps."—Reinette Magan, in Chicago Saturday Evening Herald.

A Wise Boy.

"You going to hang up your stock

ing," asked the first.

"Yep; are you?"

"Yep. You expect a gun?"

"Noap."

"A drum?"

"Noap."

"A music box?"

"Noap."

"What do you expect?"

"Nothing. Last year I expected a twenty-five dollar tool box and got nothing but a jack knife. This year I ain't going to expect nothing and mebbe I'll get a Texas pony."—Detroit Free Press.

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